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Leaders drive messages home

Decision Ontario

The big debate. One apologizes, one swears to succeed or resign, one goes on offensive

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NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, Premier Kathleen Wynne and PC Leader Tim Hudak take part in a live debate during the Ontario election campaign in Toronto on Tuesday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier Kathleen Wynne faced hard questions in the Ontario leader's debate Tuesday night, not only from her opponents but from voters as well.

The first question came from a voter who wanted to know how he could trust the Liberals with his pension, considering the money wasted in the gas-plant scandal.

Wynne apologized and admitted the decision was wrong. "Public good was sacrificed to partisan interests," she said.

"I take responsibility," she said. "I was part of a government that made decisions, and they were not the right decisions."

Wynne promised that she has made changes that will ensure the scandal — including the deletion of emails in the aftermath — doesn't happen again, such as implementing a policy to retain documents.

Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak also questioned Wynne, asking her why, when she was a member of Dalton McGuinty's cabinet, she signed a document authorizing the government to cancel the Oakville gas plant.

"You were the one with the document ... You were the co-chair of (the Liberal election) campaign. Yours is the signature on that contract that sold taxpayers up the river. You had a choice.

"Why didn't you just say no?" Hudak asked her.

Wynne answered that the decision was made as part of the cabinet as a whole and reiterated that she's apologized for the scandal.

Wynne has testified that she did not know the cancellation of that plant would cost more than $40 million.

"As you know, I didn't make all the decisions," she said.

"The decision you made in signing off on the gas plant is important," added NDP Leader Andrea Horwath. "You may call it a mistake, others call it corruption."

Wynne turned the issue around on Hudak, saying she knows apologizing for a mistake can be difficult, but he hasn't apologized for the math mistakes in his Million Jobs Plan.

Economists have pointed out that Hudak has taken figures that referred to a single year of employment and interpreted them as new permanent jobs that would be created each year, thus vastly inflating the number of total jobs the original analysis predicted — among other errors.

Hudak promised to resign if his Million Jobs Plan — which he plans to implement over eight years in government — doesn't work.

He asked Wynne what she regretted most about being in McGuinty's government. She did not reply.

For her part, Horwath attacked Wynne and Hudak on those weak points with a message to voters: "You don't have to choose between bad ethics and bad math."

Instead of just attacking the math in Hudak's plan, Wynne said repeatedly that the elimination of 100,000 jobs and severe budget cuts would drive the province back into recession.

"There is only one leader standing here now that would push us back to recession with his plan," she said.

Potayto, potahto

"You may call it a mistake, others call it corruption."

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath, addressing Premier Wynne on the gas-plant scandal

Voter asks:

Who pays for T.O. transit?

A voter from Cobourg asked if drivers outside Toronto should have to pay for Toronto transit, when the people taking transit in the city are "far better off" because they don't have car expenses.

Horwath would reduce auto insurance rates but also repeated her pledge to "focus" on building the downtown relief line.

Wynne said her 10-year, $29-billion plan does not see people outside the GTHA pay for Toronto.

Hudak would let municipalities use their share of the provincial gas tax as they please but would help Toronto build the relief line and expand two-way service of the GO train.

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Pub fight

Charge dropped against Crown attorney

A prosecutor has withdrawn a charge of assault causing bodily harm against a Scarborough Crown attorney who got into a pub fight with a colleague in February.

"The prosecutor concluded there was no reasonable prospect of conviction," defence lawyer John Struthers said Tuesday after the matter was resolved at Old City Hall court.

Constantinos Stratos entered into a year-long peace bond stipulating he would not return to the Old Stone Cottage Pub, a family-run bar and restaurant on Kingston Rd. near Guildwood Village.

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Recovery

Ford is brave for seeking help: Margaret Trudeau

Margaret Trudeau TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Margaret Trudeau, mother of Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau, has described Rob Ford as "courageous" for seeking help for his alcohol and drug abuse problems.

According to Northern Life, a local Sudbury newspaper, she made the comment during a breakfast for the Influential Women of Northern Ontario Awards in Sudbury on Monday.

"That's the way recovery begins, even if you're a person of such stature and such importance as Mr. Ford," she said during her speech.

"To have to come clean and to have to say, 'I have a problem and I need help,' is the most courageous thing he's done."

Margaret Trudeau has openly talked about her struggles with mental health issues while she was married to former prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

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'A sign of poor judgment'

Mayoral candidate Olivia Chow used a formal address on Tuesday to mount an extended attack on the judgment of rival John Tory, whom she portrayed as a serial flip-flopper. Chow's remarks to the Canadian Club of Toronto constituted the longest planned offensive from the candidate herself.

"Now don't get me wrong. I think changing your mind once in a while can be a sign of good leadership. But changing your mind all the time is a sign of poor judgment," she said.

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Men fabricated $1M in costs, TCHC alleges

Legal action. Former executives suing for wrongful dismissal

Toronto Community Housing Corp. alleges two former executives oversaw the filing of more than $1 million in fabricated costs in connection with reconstruction work after a fire at 200 Wellesley St. E.

That's according to statements of defence filed by the city-owned social housing agency Monday in Superior Court, in response to lawsuits launched by Lou Canton and Roman Mesec alleging they were wrongfully dismissed.

TCHC assigned the pair to work at its for-profit subsidiary, Housing Services Inc., in 2007. In 2010, they had responsibility for overseeing HSI's role in the reconstruction of the TCHC apartment building at 200 Wellesley after a fire displaced many of its 1,200 residents for weeks.

Canton and Mesec allege they were fired last fall without cause and without being given reasonable notice. They say they performed their responsibilities "in a highly competent and professional manner."

The men also challenged comments made by former TCHC CEO Gene Jones, who said publicly that a forensic audit found evidence of wrongdoing by several employees. Jones said the findings would be turned over to police. No criminal charges have been laid.

Jones resigned after the city ombudsman released a scathing report about hiring and firing practices at TCHC.

Toronto police spokeswoman Meaghan Gray said Tuesday the force's financial crimes unit has completed its review into the actions taken at 200 Wellesley. "At this time, there is no active investigation," she wrote in an email.

In its statement of defence, TCHC alleges Canton and Mesec were responsible for "overseeing, acquiescing and carrying out fraudulent conduct ... resulting (in) the submission of over $1 million in undisclosed, unauthorized and, in some instances, completely fabricated costs to the 200 Wellesley Insurance Claim."

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

As a wholly owned subsidiary of TCHC, HSI was not permitted to profit from the work performed in connection with the 200 Wellesley insurance claim.

TCHC suggests in its statement of defence that Canton and Mesec stood to gain financially by making the struggling HSI appear profitable. The TCHC says both men were terminated for just cause and are not entitled to the close to $700,000 in damages they are claiming. The agency is asking their lawsuits to be dismissed with costs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'Under review'

TCHC's insurance claim relating to 200 Wellesley is "currently under review," TCHC spokeswoman Sara Goldvine said. She declined to say if allegations of fraud could jeopardize the claim.

Stintz vows to even the playing fields

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Coun. Karen Stintz says one of her priorities, if elected mayor of Toronto, would be to protect and upgrade school playing fields, which are increasingly under threat.

"The issue is simple. Kids need more green space," Stintz said Tuesday, standing on the sidewalk outside the mucky-looking playing field behind Church Street Public School.

"Whether it's to throw a Frisbee, walk a dog, play soccer, play field hockey, play with their friends, have a picnic, they need places where they can play. And they need places where their families can come and gather." Stintz provided reporters with a briefing note that said the availability of playing fields is diminishing as cash-strapped school boards sell surplus land.

Since 2008, the Toronto District School Board has declared 67 sites surplus and sold 57 of them — putting added pressure on the limited number of city-owned fields available to community organizations. (A TDSB spokesman wrote in an email that 59 properties have been sold since 2008, including entire school properties.)

Karen Stintz. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Stintz says she would work to partner with the private sector to secure funding to improve fields.

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Major privacy breach at Rouge Valley hospital

Investigation.
Staff allegedly sold mothers' information to private RESP sellers

A major privacy breach at a Scarborough hospital is being investigated by Ontario's privacy commissioner after the contact information of thousands of new mothers was leaked to companies that were allegedly paying off hospital employees.

As many as 8,300 patients had their name, address and phone number turned over to private companies selling Registered Education Savings Plans by two staff members at Rouge Valley Centenary hospital.

The patients affected were mainly mothers who gave birth at the hospital from 2009 to 2013. The personal information of the new parents was used by the companies to try to sell them RESP investments.

Quoted

"They worked for us, and then they had something on the side."
David Brazeau, hospital spokesperson

"We've apologized and informed as many patients as we could," said David Brazeau, the spokesperson for the hospital. "It's something that should not have occurred."

Brazeau said the two employees were being allegedly paid by multiple private companies, and in turn they handed over the patients' details.

Neither of the staff members works for the hospital any longer, Brazeau said.

Hospital management first learned of the privacy breach in October 2013, when one of the employees voluntarily came clean, he said. The hospital launched an investigation and sent letters to 7,600 patients who may have been affected.

The second employee was discovered by Rouge Valley in March 2014, which prompted the hospital to send out another 699 letters to patients who may have had their privacy breached.

Brazeau said they don't know if there's a connection between the two staff members.

Brazeau said he does not believe any criminal charges have been laid. The hospital chose not to go to the police, he added. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Many of these days to come

Cyclists ride along the misty boardwalk at Woodbine Beach on Tuesday. Dayna Vettese, a meteorologist with the Weather Network, predicts summer in the city for 2014 will be a tad cooler than normal. "Don't be discouraged, we will have our warm days. We're just not expecting the oppressive humidity and heat we sometimes get," she said. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TomTom rankings

T.O. traffic worse than N.Y.: Index

Toronto's traffic is worse than New York, Orlando, Chicago, and more than 50 other cities in the Americas, according to the TomTom 2013 Traffic Index.

TomTom, a Dutch company best known for its mapping and GPS navigation systems, released its fourth annual index Tuesday morning.

The company's North American president Jocelyn Vigreux has driven in Toronto often enough to know how bad it is here.

The worst Canadian city is Vancouver.

Some key Toronto figures: Toronto has been ranked the ninth most congested city in the Americas. The most congested city was Rio de Janeiro and the least was Kansas City. The index compares congestion levels of more than 180 cities around the world.

Shortcuts to avoid congestion may actually become "long-cuts" and can add up to 50 per cent more travel time to journeys, the index found. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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A pedestrian has her picture taken in front of a faux NYC subway entrance on Adelaide Street on Tuesday. All the "no parking" signs on the street have been taken down, so police can't write tickets. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

An Adam Sandler film that won't make you want to drive away

I love New York. Movie production removes traffic signs on stretch of Adelaide, leading to a parking free-for-all

Thanks to Adam Sandler, an alien movie and a strange loophole in traffic law, you can now boldly park where no man has parked before.

A film shoot on Adelaide Street has removed all "no parking" signs between Yonge and York to disguise the area as New York City, a move that renders the bylaw useless and spells a parking free-for-all on the busy commuter route.

The signs were removed by Monday and won't be reposted for at least a week, a city official confirmed. According to traffic laws, "no parking" signs must be clearly posted in order for the rule to hold jurisdiction. No sign, no bylaw.

"In the absence of signage, the bylaw becomes unenforceable," said Eric Jensen, manager of the city's film and television office.

Onsite crew say the urban makeover is for Pixels, a Sony Pictures blockbuster starring Adam Sandler, Peter Dinklage and Josh Gad, and directed by Hollywood heavyweight Chris Columbus, best known for directing Home Alone. The movie follows video game experts who defend the Big Apple against a sudden alien attack of 1980s-inspired video game characters.

Removing street signs is "routine" during film shoots, Jensen said, and rush-hour concerns were addressed when the film applied for a temporary licence.

"This is done through extensive consultation with my staff, the Toronto police and transportation services, along with the production," he said, adding that the timing was chosen to avoid clashing with World Pride. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pickering power plant

Nuclear reactors to be pushed beyond their design limits

Canada's nuclear regulator says reactors at the Pickering power station will be allowed to operate beyond their stated design limit.

But the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission has ordered Ontario Power Generation to present further detailed information about the station at a meeting in August.

One of the six active reactors at Pickering would have had to shut down later this month had the commission not made its decision, released Tuesday. Others are also nearing their limit.

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Tourism. Officials hoping more direct flights to city means wealthier travellers

As more airlines choose Toronto as a destination, tourism officials believe it will draw more sophisticated visitors here, with bigger vacation budgets.

"You are seeing the air industry respond to the growing demand," said Andrew Weir, vice-president of Tourism Toronto. "They are only going to put flights on routes they think they can fill."

Beginning this month, German airline Lufthansa is introducing seasonal service between Toronto and Munich until October. China Eastern Airlines will soon offer service three times a week between Toronto and Shanghai, and China's Hainan Airlines has increased service between Toronto and Beijing to daily.

Of course, some of that traffic will be Canadians heading overseas, for business and pleasure, but increased direct air access will make it more attractive to international visitors — the very kind of sophisticated tourists officials want.

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Points of origin

In 2013, Toronto had 13.69 million visitors who stayed at least a night: 10 million domestic travellers and 2.18 million American travellers.

Survivors recall Tiananmen horrors

25 years later. As China still tries to cover up the massacre, those who lived tell their tales of June 4, 1989, in Beijing

LUCY SCHOLEY
Metro in Ottawa

Liane Lee remembers holding back a screaming 12-year-old boy in Tiananmen Square.

"They killed my brother. They killed my brother!" she recalls him yelling to the soldiers who had been firing at the pro-democracy protesters. It was the early hours of June 4, 1989 — a day that Lee still struggles talking about 25 years later. But she recounted the bloody military massacre to an audience at the University of Ottawa on Tuesday.

Then a 26-year-old university student from Hong Kong, Lee held the boy back until he finally wriggled away. She says she still remembers the smell of his sweat and the warmth of his tears. Witnesses say the boy's body was later carried to the first aid station, covered in blood, but Lee does not remember that. She figures she blocked it from her memory.

"I want to remember their names, but I can only remember their noble faces," said Lee.

Quoted

"Those who don't learn from history are condemned to repeat it."

Cheuk Kwan, of the Toronto Association for Democracy in China

Liane Lee and Chen Yuguo are survivors of the Tiananmen Square massacre on June 4, 1989. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

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Hundreds of scientists urge PM to reject Northern Gateway

A letter signed by hundreds of scientists from around the world is urging Prime Minister Stephen Harper to reject a federal panel report recommending approval of the Northern Gateway pipeline.

The federal government must release its final decision by June 17 on the 1,200-kilometre pipeline that would link the Alberta oilsands with a tanker port on the B.C. coast.

The letter sent this week to Harper and several key cabinet ministers said the report by the joint review panel is "indefensible as a basis to judge in favour of the project."

It was signed by 300 scientists at universities from Newfoundland to Vancouver Island, along with colleagues from international institutions including Stanford, Cornell and Oxford.

The chief concern from the group is that the panel did not look at the increase in global greenhouse gas emissions that will result from the expansion in oilsands production.

"The panel was not given a mandate ... to look at the larger climate change picture," said Kai Chan, an associate professor at the Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability at the University of British Columbia and one of the instigators of the petition. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GMO babies

Three-parent embryo not 'unsafe': U.K. regulator

Britain's fertility regulator says controversial techniques to create embryos from the DNA of three people "do not appear to be unsafe" even though no one has ever received the treatment, according to a new report released Tuesday.

The report based its conclusion largely on lab tests and some animal experiments.

The techniques are meant to stop mothers from passing on potentially fatal genetic diseases to their babies and involve altering a human egg or embryo before transferring it into a woman.

Critics have described the research as unethical and stressed its unknown dangers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Girl in stabbing case may be mentally ill: Lawyer

Alleged plot. Two girls have been charged with first-degree attempted homicide in a stabbing to please a fictional Internet character

Rescue workers take a stabbing victim to the ambulance in Waukesha, Wis. ABE VAN DYKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 12-year-old girl accused of plotting to kill a friend to curry favour with a fictional Internet character shows signs of mental illness and should be in a hospital, her defence attorney said Tuesday.

The girl and another 12-year-old have been charged as adults with first-degree attempted homicide in a stabbing that nearly killed another child the same age.

The two girls reportedly said to investigators that they had plotted for months to kill their friend because a character called Slenderman required them to kill someone before they could become his "proxy."

Both girls are being held at a juvenile detention centre. Anthony Cotton, the attorney for one girl, said a judge rejected his request Monday to have the girl transferred to a mental health facility, but he will renew that request when she returns to court next week.

"From what I know, we've got a young girl here who has no previous criminal record at all, and if the record is accurate, probably suffers from very serious mental health issues," said Cotton.

Cotton said the girl's parents are trying to figure out whether there were any signs they may have missed.

The girls told investigators they read about Slenderman on the horror website creepypasta.wikia.com. It's not clear whether they got access to the site at home or at school.

Both were charged Monday in Waukesha County Circuit Court; they each face up to 65 years in prison if convicted. A court commissioner set bail at $500,000 cash per child.

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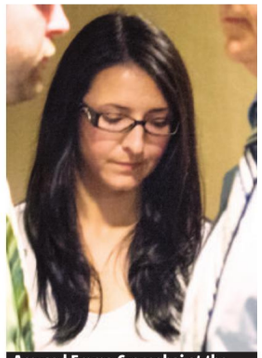
2 deaths. Highway crash broke family apart in an instant, survivor testifies



Accused Emma Czornobaj at the Montreal courthouse on Tuesday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A young driver's decision to stop her car on a highway to help shoo along ducks dramatically changed the lives of an entire Quebec family, a jury trial in Montreal heard Tuesday.

Emma Czornobaj has pleaded not guilty to two counts each of criminal negligence causing death and dangerous driving causing the deaths of Andre Roy, 50, and his 16-year-old daughter, Jessie. They are survived by Pauline Volikakis, Andre Roy's wife of 20 years and Jessie's mother.

It should have been a quick 20-minute motorcycle ride home for Volikakis and her family to cap off a glorious summer day in 2010. She and her husband were both driving motorcycles; their daughter was with Roy on his bike. Volikakis fought back tears as she described how the lives of her husband and their only child ended so suddenly.

Crown prosecutors suggested Czornobaj's decision to come to a full stop to help a family of ducks triggered a fatal accident when Roy's motorcycle slammed into her stationary car, sending the bike's occupants flying.

Court heard the car was stopped with the engine running and without emergency lights, on Highway 30, south of Montreal.

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MIKE SCHREINER

As part of a series of Metro interviews with provincial leaders ahead of the June 12 election, Mike Schreiner argues why proportional representation is good public policy, makes his case for stopping funding for Catholic schools and deals with the resignation of the Green Party's London West candidate. For video highlights, go to metronews.ca.

PLEDGING TO DEFUND PUBLIC CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Green Party of Ontario, despite having no elected MPPs, has ambitious plans for the province: dismantle the Catholic school system, adopt proportional representation, use revenue tools to raise money to build public transit and bust up the beer duopoly.

"The Green Party, in this campaign, we're really on a mission to bring honesty, integrity and good public policy to Queen's Park," said GPO Leader Mike Schreiner in a one-on-one interview with Metro, as part of our series of interviews with party leaders.

"The one thing I'm hearing over and over again — knocking on doors, going to cafés, things like that — is people are really tired of the political games going on at Queen's Park. They're tired of the gimmicks, the scandals, the magic math of the three status quo parties' platforms and the debate that Queen's Park is producing."

Schreiner is running in Guelph, where according to projections by threehundredeight.com, there's currently a 76 per cent chance the Liberal candidate will win. However, Schreiner has been polling in second place, marginally ahead of the progressive conservative candidate.

Schreiner has been campaigning to get one or two Green MPPs into the legislature, following the example set by federal Green Party Leader Elizabeth May.

He acknowledges that proportional representation, which his party supports, would benefit his party, but also argues it's good public policy.

"I want every vote to count," he said. "If you're a Liberal voter in rural Ontario, you're likely to think that your vote doesn't count because you're probably in a riding that always votes conservative. Likewise, if you're a conservative voter in downtown Toronto, where it usually goes Liberal or NDP, it's like your vote doesn't count either. And if you're a newer party, it's very difficult."

Schreiner said Greens would have 10 or 12 MPPs if we had proportional representation in Canada.

"In Ontario we have zero seats in the legislature, so those hundreds of thousands of people who support us don't have a voice at Queen's Park," he said. "By moving to proportional representation you eliminate strategic voting, you minimize the amount of negative campaigning which goes on, which increasingly tends to dominate our elections, and you force parties to transparently figure out ways to co-operate in the public interest, rather than in their political self-interest."

However, proportional representation wasn't actually in the Green's platform this election. Instead, it is focused on jobs, kids and the environment. One of the most notable policies is the pledge to dismantle the public Catholic school system and stop funding Catholic schools.

"We have 124 schools across the province slated for closure, another 174 being threatened to be closed. We have kids who are being bused across town long distances because they can't go to their neighbourhood school because they're the wrong religion," he said. "It would free up up to $1.6 billion which could be reinvested back into our children's classrooms."

The motivation isn't purely financial. Schreiner says the Catholic boards are also subject to "persistent human rights concerns."

The Greens propose doubling the Ontario Child Benefit, and paying for it by ending the Ontario Clean Energy Benefit, which is a 10 per cent rebate on hydro bills.

The rebate "costs Ontario $1.1 billion a year, and it's a benefit that primarily benefits the wealthy. … The people who use the most electricity get the most benefit because it's just 10 per cent of whatever you use," he said. "Let's stop that handout, which actually undermines conservation programs and energy efficiency programs anyway, and let's use those resources on focusing on getting children out of poverty right now."

The party's long-term strategy is to move to a guaranteed annual income. "It sounds like kind of a radical left-wing idea, but it's actually an idea that has been mostly promoted by conservatives because it's a small-government approach to addressing poverty," he said.

"Instead of having a big-government bureaucracy policing the poor, which, you know, there isn't a lot of dignity associated with, let's take that money and actually put it in the pockets of the people who need it the most. … Initial studies suggest that it could be mostly paid for by reducing the government bureaucracy around policing the poor."

The Green Party has seen little controversy in the election outside of the loss of Gary Brown, its candidate for London West, early in the campaign. Brown resigned and posted a message saying he would be focusing on local issues. "The Green Party of Ontario's platform still best reflects my values but the lack of commitment and effort from the party to contest and win elections has always been at odds with my personal work ethic," Brown wrote. "With Premiere Wynne advocating for many of the issues I support I am no longer sure that my strong advocacy for green issues as a GPO candidate is the most effective way to effect change."

In response, Schreiner said he believes Greens work hard, "running on four or five hours sleep at night, seven days a week … to elect our first Green MPP."

Highlights

On selling beer...

"Our small craft brewers in particular have a very difficult time getting their product to market through the duopoly that is the beer store and the LCBO.… One of the ways we can create new, innovative ways of allowing craft brewers to access the marketplace is to allow them to open up their own stores … or … to open a kiosk in existing stores."

On how the Green platform would help manufacturing...

"By lowering payroll taxes on small businesses that helps entrepreneurs, particularly those entrepreneurs who are developing new manufacturing businesses. … Secondly, if you look globally where the growth is happening in manufacturing, … it's in clean technologies and it's those technologies the Green Party has been promoting through our policies."

On using revenue tools to fund transit building...

"Our plan says that for $250 a year, that's well under $1 a day, we can raise the revenue to build world-class transit for Ontario."

On farmland...

"We lose 350 acres of farmland every day. … We don't think it makes sense for the status quo parties to allow development to destroy prime farmland when it's so essential to our ability to eat, and to our economy."

On wind power...

"We are calling for the Liberal government to end the moratorium on offshore wind. … There are proposals … that are so far out in Lake Ontario people probably aren't going to see them anyways."

On pensions...

"It's really through CPP that we should be looking at reforming our pensions, rather than setting up a completely separate provincial system. … I think we need to look at new funding models. I think looking at natural resource revenues as a way to, an innovative source of funding for things like pension reform is a smart way to go."

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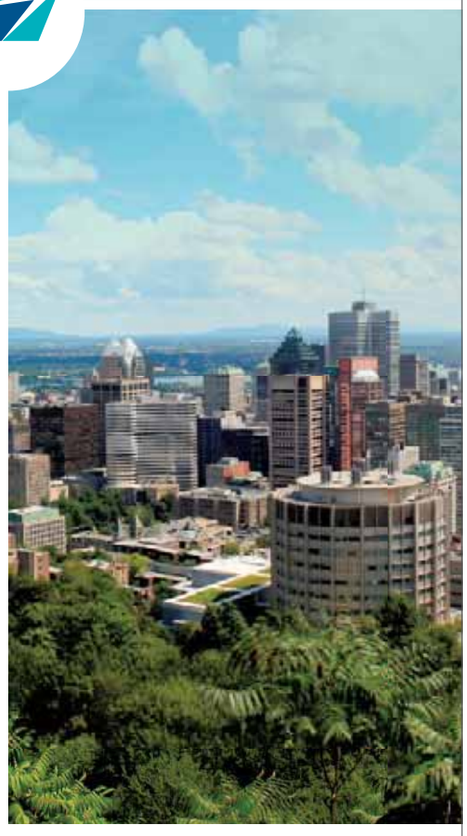

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From stodgy to luxury: HBC's revamp pays off

Hudson's Bay Company.
Canadian retailer gets a lift from Saks sales

The Hudson's Bay Company hopes a trend toward luxury goods will continue to boost its bottom line after swinging to a first-quarter profit on strong sales from Saks Fifth Avenue.

"We've been seeing a very strong, positive trend in luxury items — the more unique, the more expensive, the more special a product is, the greater the demand we seem to be getting, so that bodes well for Saks," HBC governor and CEO Richard Baker said during a conference call Tuesday to discuss first-quarter results.

HBC is on track to bring two Saks locations to Canada by the spring of 2016, he added, since the company sees "a substantial untapped opportunity for both luxury and off-price in Canada."

The Toronto-based retailer completed its acquisition of luxury U.S. retailer Saks late in 2013 for $2.9 billion including debt.

Hudson's Bay reported first-quarter net earnings of $176 million, up from a net loss of $22 million in the year-ago period as retail sales jumped to $1.85 billion, an increase of $971 million year-over-year.

Digital sales, important to the company's future growth, were $207 million in the quarter and included sales at Hudson's Bay Company, Saks and Lord & Taylor.

They accounted for 11 per cent of the company's overall sales in the quarter — a figure HBC is hoping to raise to 20 per cent over the next five years. One of the reasons HBC bought Saks last year was that its digital capabilities were more developed.

"The overall macro trend is greater movement of sales online, so I think we're very well-positioned for that," Baker said.

"HBC digital continues to show outstanding growth and we are already leveraging the team across the organization for this important channel," said Baker, adding that HBC expects customers to increasingly do online shopping as it adds to its digital offerings.

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Sony kills PSP for PS Vita

Models hold Sony PlayStation Portable video game machines during a promotional event in 2009 in Hong Kong. Sony Corp. is pulling the plug on its hand-held PlayStation Portable after 10 years. The Japanese electronics and entertainment company has been pushing the successor machine, PlayStation Vita. KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

2010 outbreak

Egg titan, son plead guilty in salmonella case

A self-made titan in the egg industry, his son and the Iowa company they ran pleaded guilty Tuesday to federal food safety violations stemming from a nationwide salmonella outbreak that sickened thousands in 2010.

Austin "Jack" DeCoster and his son, Peter DeCoster, pleaded guilty to misdemeanour charges of introducing adulterated food into interstate commerce. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Campaign

FBI targets use of laser pointers

A new FBI campaign unveiled Tuesday targets the illegal use of laser pointers to distract airplanes. For the next 90 days, the bureau's 56 field offices are offering $10,000 US rewards for information leading to the arrest of anyone who threatens aircraft with a hand-held laser.

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JUST SAYIN'

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It may cost more, especially when you add in the ferry ride to Vancouver Island, but we'll have to start having lunch at Smoke 'N Water, the new restaurant at the Pacific Shores Resort in Parksville.

Not only does the food look simple and good, Smoke 'N Water has a spectacular 6,000-gallon fish tank/aquarium.

Oh, and it's the first no-tipping restaurant in Canada.

Smoke 'N Water opened yesterday, and although I've been vigilantly scanning the Vancouver Island news, there are no reports of server riots or customer fainting spells. But it's still early …

As you may remember, I've written about tipping before, almost exactly a year ago, when a number of U.S. restaurants introduced a no-tipping policy. But this is Canada, land of peace, order and everything should stay the same.

Food industry experts are calling owner David Jones naive for his view that "tipping is a broken business model" but anyone who ever tries to do anything is naive. Until it succeeds.

Jones is going to actually pay his servers a living wage — between $20 and $24 an hour. Notoriously underpaid and overworked cooks will get $16 to $18. He'll even pay medical and dental, which is rare in Restaurantland.

Here's the hitch — prices will be about 18 per cent higher than the average. Jones is betting you'll pay roughly the same as you would if you left a tip just so you don't have to leave a tip.

So let's do the math. At $24 an hour that's $192 for an eight-hour shift. If you're earning minimum wage, which is $10.25 in B.C., you make a base of $82. You have to make up the rest on tips. Granted, servers can make more than $100 a day on tips, but they have to do a lot of stupid server tricks to make sure they get one — pretend to love everything on the menu, put little smiley faces on the bill, hover anxiously and expectantly while the customer figures out the 15 or 20 per cent.

This way, you get paid and retain your dignity. Crazy.

It's too early to tell if this will set a trend or if Smoke 'N Water will turn into so much smoke-'n-water damage. But what's not to like? If you're a customer, you can walk into a restaurant expecting good service to be part of the, um, service, not requiring an extra bribe. If you're a server, you're a member of a fairly paid team that works together to provide a superior dining experience. Like a grown-up.

And if you're David Jones, columnists across the continent write about your new restaurant the day after it opens.

Naive, eh?

Naive like a fox

Jones is betting you'll pay roughly the same as you would if you left a tip just so you don't have to leave a tip.

ZOOM

Still life?

An ear made of human cells is grown from samples provided from a distant relative of Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh. U.S.-based artist Diemut Strebe said she wants to combine art and science with the installation.
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Replica of van Gogh's ear grown from relative's DNA

A German museum has put on display a copy of Vincent van Gogh's ear that was grown using some of the Dutch artist's genetic material.

The Center for Art and Media in Karlsruhe says the ear consists of living cells grown from samples provided by the great-great-grandson of van Gogh's brother. The museum says the genes are about 1/16th identical.

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Ear-y legend

He's known as the tortured genius who cut off his own ear, but two German historians claim that van Gogh lost his ear in a fight with his friend and fellow artist Paul Gauguin, with whom he was hopelessly infatuated.

- The official version usually goes that the disturbed Dutch painter severed his left ear lobe with a razor blade in a fit of lunacy one evening shortly before Christmas 1888. Bleeding heavily, van Gogh then wrapped it in cloth, walked to a nearby bordello and presented the severed ear to a prostitute.
- A book argues that van Gogh may have made up the story to protect Gauguin, a keen fencer, who actually lopped it off with a sword during a heated argument.

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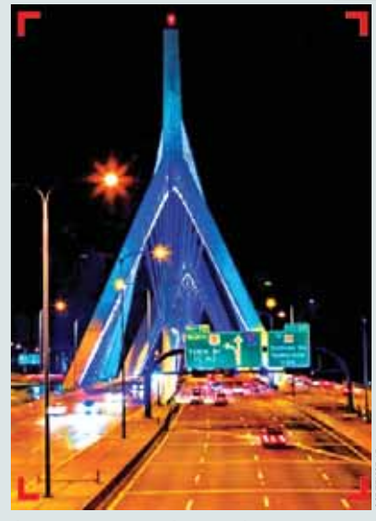

SCREENGRAB

Boston is known for a lot of things: Mark Wahlberg, Ben Affleck, the lack of "r"s in its accent and, unlike some places, consistently successful sports teams.

Since the marathon bombings, its resilience is also engrained in the city's identity; Bostonians are "Boston Strong" through and through. This video portrait of the city goes beyond first glimpses of Beantown life and celebrates the city in all its stunning glory. Every city deserves this kind of a tribute. (Via Erik Rojas/Vimeo)

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Spy games

Stone taking on Snowden

Oliver Stone will write and direct a film about Edward Snowden, one of two high-profile films in the works about the National Security Agency leaker. Stone announced Monday that he plans to adapt The Snowden Files: The Inside Story of the World's Most Wanted Man, a book by Guardian journalist Luke Harding. The project pairs one of cinema's most controversial directors with one of the most explosive news events in recent years —one that is ongoing.

"This is one of the greatest stories of our time," Stone said in a statement. He added that making such a film is "a real challenge."

He will have some deep-pocketed competition. Sony Pictures last month purchased the big-screen rights to Glenn Greenwald's No Place to Hide: Edward Snowden, the NSA and the U.S. Surveillance State. The film is being produced by James Bond producers Barbara Broccoli and Michael G. Wilson. Stone has advocated for the former NSA contract systems analyst, who is living in Russia on a temporary grant of asylum after leaking massive amounts of NSA documents to the media.

"To me, Snowden is a hero because he revealed secrets that we should all know, that the United States has repeatedly violated the Fourth Amendment," Stone said in a press conference at the Karlovy Vary Film Festival in the Czech Republic.

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Live. Die. Repeat.

Tomorrow, today, yesterday. Latest Tom Cruise flick sees its own shadow in a recurring theme on the big screen

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Déjà vu for Tom Cruise and Emily Blunt as she explains why wearing all of that gear must feel like an eternity in their new action/sci fi movie, Edge of Tomorrow. CONTRIBUTED

"How many times have we been here," asks Rita (Emily Blunt). "For me, it's been an eternity," replies William (Cruise) as he relives the same day of an alien invasion over and over.

Edge of Tomorrow is a time-loop movie that can best be described as War of the Worlds meets Groundhog Day.

In Groundhog Day, Bill Murray says, "Every morning I wake up without a scratch on me, not a dent in the fender. I am an immortal." His take on a drunk, suicide-prone weatherman who discovers the beauty of life by living the same day endlessly may be the granddaddy of all Hollywood déjà vu stories, but many other movie characters have been caught in cinematic time circles.

The DVD cover for 2006's Salvage asks the question, "What if every day you relived your own murder?" Originally called Gruesome for the festival circuit, the movie is as grim as Bill Murray's film is life-affirming. Called a "digital video hell — spawn of Psycho, Eyes Without a Face and Groundhog Day," by Variety, Salvage is the story of Claire (Lauren Currie Lewis), a convenience store worker who undergoes her murder over and over. Despite its extremely low budget — star Lewis doubled as the film's make-up artist — Salvage was an official selection of the 2006 Sundance Festival.

The horror genre lends itself to time-bending tales. Camp Slaughter is a 2005 throwback to the slasher films of the 1980s. In this one, a group of modern teens stumble across Camp Hiawatha, a dangerous place where not-so-happy-campers are trapped in 1981 and forced to re-experience the night a maniacal murderer went on a killing spree. Labelled "Groundhog Day meets Friday the 13th (part 2,3,4,5,6,7,8... every one of them!)," by one critic, it's gory good fun.

Not into gory? The Yuletide provides a less bloody backdrop for time-looping. The title Christmas Every Day is self-explanatory but 12 Dates of Christmas is better than the name suggests. Us Weekly called this Amy Smart romantic comedy about a woman stuck in an endless Christmas Eve, a sweet "nicely woven journey."

Finally, the aptly named Repeaters is a Canadian film written by Arne Olsen, scribe of Power Rangers: The Movie.

Repeaters is about a trio of recovering addicts who find themselves in "an impossible time labyrinth" after being electrocuted in a storm. Like most time-bending films, Repeaters is about learning from your mistakes.

What sets it apart from some of the others are three unlikeable leads who use their situation to raise hell and break the law.

It's only when Kyle (Dustin Milligan) realizes they could be in big trouble if time suddenly unfreezes for them that familiar time-loop themes of redemption and self-reflection arise.

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Why credentials matter

Darcy Merkur, Personal Injury Alliance

Q When evaluating a personal injury lawyer, what credentials are important?

A First, look for the "CS" designation after their name, which means they're a certified specialist in civil litigation. The designation is granted to lawyers who have proven to be competent and experienced trial lawyers.

Second, is the lawyer recognized as an expert in personal injury — and on the peer-voted lists published by Lexpert and Best Lawyers in Canada?

Third, is the lawyer with one of the top 10 personal injury law firms in Canada? The list is published by Canadian Lawyer magazine.

Only about a dozen lawyers in Ontario have all of these credentials, and the vast majority are from law firms of the Personal Injury Alliance. A listing of these lawyers can be found at pialaw.ca/credentials.

Q Why are credentials so important?

A They're important because they validate a lawyer's expertise in personal injury cases. These types of cases can be complex, time-consuming, and expensive, sometimes costing in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The lawyer and firm must be able to accept the financial risks. Personal injury law firms only get paid when the case is resolved favourably.

Q Should someone who has had a catastrophic injury compare lawyers' credentials?

A Absolutely. Anyone can call themselves a personal injury lawyer, but credentials and objective endorsements make the case best. Accident victims are under an enormous amount of pressure, and the last thing they need is a bad experience with a lawyer. Remember also that a client can change their lawyer at any time if they're not happy with their legal representation.

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No fault in 'nerdfighter' star

YA fiction. Unassuming Writer guy John Green finds fame as teen bestseller becomes film

Author John Green speaks at a recent The Fault In Our Stars fan event in Nashville. RICK DIAMOND/GETTY IMAGES FOR ALLIED

When The Fault in Our Stars landed on bookshelves more than two years ago, John Green's enthusiasm was non-existent for a screen version of his story featuring teens with cancer.

"I had had some Hollywood experiences before that weren't great and I felt like Hollywood would struggle to make a movie where the female romantic lead has nasal cannula tubes in her nose for the entire movie," he said.

Well, hello 2014, and Monday night's premiere of TFIOS, the movie. It's the first of Green's bestselling books to go Hollywood after he was won over by the script's dedication to his characters in the clutches of adolescence. Oh, and it didn't hurt that one of the producers was a huge Liverpool soccer club fan like Green.

Already a rock star among young readers, mostly of the teen girl variety, the Orlando, Fla.-raised Green, the guy who looks straight out of central casting as Unassuming Writer, now walks red carpets, clowns on morning TV and banters with new BFF Nat Wolff and the movie's other young stars, Shailene Woodley and newcomer Ansel Elgort.

In a plaid button-down shirt and conservative suit jacket, it was the bespectacled, 36-year-old Green — not the hunky, younger Wolff — who got the loudest screams Saturday from several hundred girls who showed up for a panel discussion about the movie during the publishing industry's annual BookExpo America.

Green leapt off the stage of the stuffed conference hall to bear hug a 16-year-old amputee, Robert Berger of Damerest, N.J. Berger, a high school sophomore with a prosthetic like TFIOS love interest Gus Waters, made his way to a microphone and referenced a bedroom scene when he offered: "I'd like to thank you, John, for answering a lifelong question of mine, which is, whether during sex, I keep my leg on or off."

Green, a father of two, is ever respectful of Berger and his other "nerdfighters," the community of fans worldwide that has led him to Hollywood's door and greet each other with his tagline: "Don't Forget to Be Awesome!" They even have a special thing they do with their arms, crossing at the chest and spreading their fingers in twos. You sort of have to be there.

The writer was vigilant as a presence on the movie's set, sobbing when the filmmakers got it right and cheering on Woodley, Elgort and Wolff. Wolff is slated to star in the next stop on Green's big-screen journey for his Paper Towns.

So, can Green hold on to his mojo? Does the writer part of his brain now need to make peace with his developing big-screen brain? "I hope that I'm not developing a Hollywood brain, to be honest with you. I love books. I love writing books. I love movies, too, but I am a book writer and if I'm lucky enough to be able to work with people who are great at making movies then I feel very fortunate, but I have no desire to become a movie person," he said.

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Getting your leg over

"I'd like to thank you, John, for answering a lifelong question of mine, which is, whether during sex, I keep my leg on or off."

16-year-old amputee Robert Berger with a prosthetic like TFIOS love interest Gus Waters, references a bedroom scene during a panel discussion about the movie.

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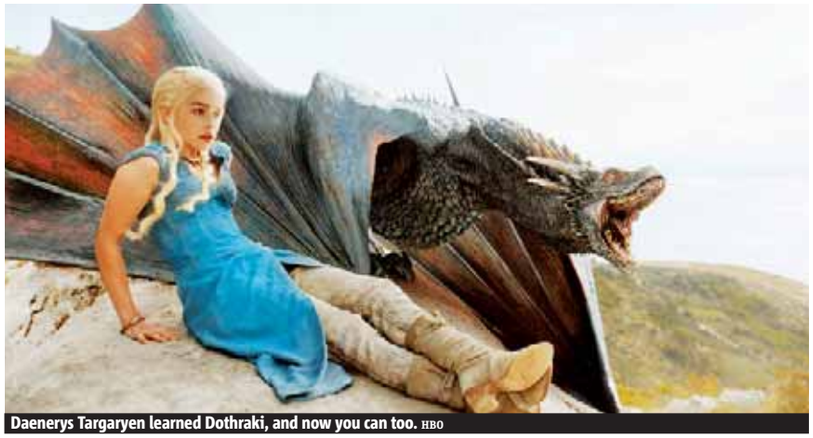

Daenerys Targaryen learned Dothraki, and now you can too. HBO

GOT 101. Wanna speak like a horse lord? Sign up for a Dothraki course

A new language course will soon be available for those eager to unleash their inner Khal Drogo by learning a little Dothraki.

David J. Peterson, the linguist who works on all the fictional languages for HBO's Game of Thrones, worked with Living Languages to create a guide with 500 words and phrases. The guide is called Living Language Dothraki: A Conversational Language Course Based on the Hit Original HBO Series Game of Thrones. Will the title be translated into Dothraki, as well?

For those afraid of offending, there will even be cultural notes about how to avoid an embarrassing faux pas in the language. (Here's a hint: Don't imply someone needs to walk instead of ride a horse.) Worried about forgetting that all-important phrase when you're out and about with your Dothraki chums? Not to worry, there's a mobile app for that.

The guide will be available Oct. 7, and can be obtained in the form of a physical book (by far the more period-appropriate option) or an expanded online version.

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Red-carpet prankster was trying to 'bury his face in my crotch,' Brad says

Brad Pitt ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Brad Pitt is finally breaking his silence about his red carpet run-in with Ukrainian prankster Vitalii Sediuk at the Maleficent premiere last week.

"I was at the end of the line signing autographs, when out of the corner of my eye I saw someone stage-diving over the barrier at me," he tells People magazine in a statement.

"I took a step back. This guy had latched onto my lapels. I looked down and the nutter was trying to bury his face in my crotch, so I cracked him twice in the back of the head — not too hard, but enough to get his attention because he did let go. I think he was then just grabbing for a handhold because the guys were on him, and he reached up and caught my glasses."

The crotch-targeting is in line with Sediuk's style of prank, as he'd been caught sticking his head under America Ferrera's dress last month on a Cannes red carpet.

The disgraced TV reporter was sentenced to three years' probation, a year of counselling and a temporary restraining order keeping him away from Pitt and Angelina Jolie.

"I don't mind an exhibitionist," Pitt insists. "But if this guy keeps it up, he's going to spoil it for the fans who have waited up all night for an autograph or a selfie, because it will make people more wary to approach a crowd. And he should know if he tries to look up a woman's dress again, he's going to get stomped. "

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Hill backtracks after hurling homophobic slur at pap

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

This could just as easily be titled "Paparazzo successfully baits Jonah Hill into losing his cool by insulting his shorts."

On Monday, a photographer pestering the comedy star caught him on tape using a homophobic slur (TMZ has the video). Hill, who was walking with friends in L.A., did his best to ignore the paparazzo, who was dancing around and shouting questions. "I like the shorts, though, bro. They're pretty sexy," the photographer said at one point, apparently a swipe at Hill's flowery summer shorts. Hill eventually lost his cool and yelled, "Suck my d—, you f—," at the photographer.

On Tuesday, Hill, who's been known as a strong supporter of the LGBT community, went on The Howard Stern Show to offer his sincere apology for using the slur.

Jennifer Lopez

Jenny from the Block makes sure boyfriend won't talk

When you're Jennifer Lopez, it makes sense that certain precautions would need to be made before starting a relationship.

Among those precautions? Lopez reportedly had current boyfriend and choreographer Casper Smart sign a legal document forbidding him from discussing his and Lopez's relationship — personal or professional — with the media without her prior written approval, according to Radar Online. Lopez is "very savvy when it comes to business, but her love life is always filled with drama," a source says.

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Texas. Forget the golf and Vegas debauchery, a weekend at a ranch and spa is the new kind of mancation

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After a hard day on the ranch, kick back with tequila and meals made with produce from the resort's organic farm. PHOTOS: ANDREW DOBSON/METRO

Hoping to plan the ultimate mancation this summer but feel the Vegas Bachelor Party is overplayed? You'll find the perfect alternative at Travaasa Austin Experiential Resort, located in breezy Texas Hill Country.

Nestled against 210 acres of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, the resort offers a perfect playground for macho men who have a penchant for pampering.

Meals are served at Jean's Kitchen under the watchful eye of chef Benjamin Baker, who creates new menus each day to reflect the changing harvest.

His kitchen showcases produce from the resort's working organic farm, as well as locally sourced meat, fish and dairy to create flavourful, healthful meals with a Texas fusion flair.

Those who enjoy a splash in their glass will appreciate the top-notch sipping tequila, small batch bourbon and local Texas craft brews on offer at the bar.

The resort includes riding stables, a high ropes challenge course designed in partnership with Outward Bound, fitness centre, pump track, yoga studio, infinity-edge pool, dining room which spills onto a pretty patio, and a tranquil, 11-room award-winning spa.

Guests are encouraged to make the most of their vacation; relax by the pool and stretch out at morning yoga or dive right into the adrenalin rush via bike pump track and giant swing.

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Can you hear the sounds of Sarajevo?

City of harmony. Despite a conflict-riddled past, Sarajevo is a vibrant multicultural city

If you find yourself on Ferhadija street behind the old synagogue at noon, close your eyes and listen to the bells from the Catholic cathedral and the Serb-Orthodox church mixing with the Muslim call for prayer. They call this the sound of Sarajevo.

And yet, Sarajevo is also known for the sound of a gunshot that led to the First World War a century ago. It was June 28, 1914, when the Austro-Hungarian Empire's crown prince Franz Ferdinand was assassinated here by Gavrilo Princip.

The Great War left millions dead and made four empires disappear.

A memorial plaque and video displays of photos from the assassination decorate a museum building at the downtown corner where Princip changed the world. The war's centennial will be marked this summer with conferences, exhibits and concerts.

But the First World War is just one era in the history of this multicultural city of 390,000, with its legacies of Islamic Ottoman, Jewish, Christian Orthodox and Roman Catholic religions. The city is fondly known for hosting the 1984 Winter Olympics. And it is infamously remembered as a key battleground of the Bosnian War in the 1990s.

Despite the dark chapters of the past, today the city is defined by what locals call "the Sarajevo spirit," an interesting and mostly harmonious mix of religions and cultures. And any visit must include a look at how that blend came to be.

Start with the old town called Bascarsija. Ottoman Turks founded Sarajevo here in the 15th century as a centre of commerce with three malls, colonies of Venetian and Dalmatian traders and hundreds of shops. The tolerant empire filled the town's skyline with minarets and church towers, attracting anyone who fled Europe's Catholic inquisition.

When Queen Isabella of Spain expelled Sephardic Jews in 1492, thousands found refuge in "Yerushalaim chico," or Little Jerusalem, which is how they nicknamed the city. Sarajevo's soul resides in this Oriental quarter and residents believe that time runs slower in its water pipe bars, mosques and crafts shops.

Tourists usually stop at the Sebilj fountain on the central square for selfies and to refresh themselves from one of its pipes — as locals sometimes whisper the first part of an old Sarajevo saying: "Whoever drinks water from Bascarsija ..."

The travel advisory ends by saying the water is cursed and will make you return to Sarajevo over and over till you die.

Real-time begins again where Bascarsija ends.

In 1878, Bosnia turned from a western Ottoman province into a southeastern Austro-Hungarian province. The transition is visible at Ferhadija street near number 30.

Look west, and the secessionist-style four-storey buildings and churches tell you: Central Europe. Perhaps Austria. Look east: perhaps some old part of Istanbul with the low, stone structures with oriental shops, minarets and water fountains.

In the chaotic century that followed, Sarajevo was part of four different countries and in two wars. It offers a great deal of history in a small area.

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Flanders Fields tour not one to forget

Belgium. 100 years on, the gravity of the Great War comes to life while wandering through Ypres

The Trenches of Death in Diksmuide, Belgium, are well preserved. ALL PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Red poppies were first symbolized as a means of remembrance by Canadian First World War soldier and surgeon Lt. Col. John McCrae.

Tyne Cot is the largest Commonwealth war cemetery in the world in terms of burials, with 11,956 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried there.

Crimson poppies still dance in the breeze as if nothing horrific happened in Flanders Fields of Ypres. But a century after the start of the First World War, the flowers endure as a symbol of the dead, in part because of a celebrated poem:

"In Flanders fields the poppies blow — Between the crosses, row on row."

The famous flowers are among many reminders of the region's connection to the Great War. Amid monuments and headstones in this western corner of Belgium, Flanders' eerie landscapes, trenches and bunkers continue to evoke the soldiers who died here by the hundreds of thousands. As carefree 21st century travel goes, a tour of Flanders Fields packs a punch that can long stay with you.

The haunting poem, In Flanders Fields, was written by Lt. Col. John McCrae, a doctor from Guelph, Ont., who ran a field hospital during the war. During a recent wreath-laying ceremony at the massive Tyne Cot burial grounds to honour the dead, the poem was read aloud by a student visiting with a group from St. George's Academy in Sleaford, England.

"The kids are really moved by it," said teacher Charlotte Tilley. "We had about half a dozen crying."

One stunning aspect of a visit here is the region's beauty and serenity. A spectacular springtime has turned the once barren, muddy battlegrounds lush with ripening wheat fields and pastures where cattle chew thick grass.

Walk through Ypres, which has four battles named for it, and you'd be forgiven for thinking you're in a splendidly preserved medieval town with a Gothic hall, gabled houses and spires. But what was left of the town on Nov. 11, 1918 — when the war ended — were stumps, rubble and vague memories where homes once stood. Ypres' second battle saw the first use of chemical weapons in warfare, and its third, named for the tiny village of Passchendaele, saw 150,000 men die in 100 days.

Some wanted Ypres to stay in ruins as remembrance. The people immediately decided otherwise and started rebuilding, "as if there never had been a war. It was very much a psychological reaction," said Piet Chielens, the co-ordinator of the In Flanders Fields museum, which is housed in the rebuilt neo-Gothic hall on the marketplace.

"Ypres immediately became a centre of remembrance. The first tourists and pilgrims arrived in early spring of 1919," said Chielens.

Massive crowds are expected this year. "We believe there will be something like half a million visitors this year coming from at least 70 different nations," Chielens said.

Even ahead of the official start of the centenary in August, hundreds, sometimes a few thousand, flock to the 8 p.m. playing of the Last Post, the daily salute at Ypres' Menin Gate, where walls list 54,000 soldiers who perished but were never found.

The deafening silence once the bugle stops playing is a must in remembrance tourism, as is the In Flanders Fields Museum. But visitors should also take time away from the ceremonies and crowds to wander across the flat fields dotted with low-flung ridges where so many fought and died.

"The real museum is still out there," said Chielens. "The traces, the scars in the landscape, the numerous monuments and cemeteries that will give you that sense of loss and tragedy."

If you go...

For more information on visiting Flanders Fields, go to visitflanders.us.

It might be a tiny cemetery where only dozens of soldiers lie, a rain-sodden trench, or a derelict German bunker.

The city of Diksmuide has the Ijzertoren memorial with sweeping views of battlefields from atop its 84-metre (275-foot) tower. Nearby, the warren of Dodengang trenches brings the claustrophobia of war home, even if it no longer has the rats, stench and enemy within shouting distance.

Yet tourists should not limit their trip to pondering war. "You learn to understand what the importance of living and enjoying life is after you have been confronted with the experience," Chielens said.

For kids, that might mean a visit to the Bellewaerde theme park. For grown-ups, gastronomy stands out. Those with money and sense to reserve ahead should try In De Wulf, considered one of the world's best restaurants, in the village of Dranouter, close to the Kemmel Ridge battle site. You might spot a chef picking flowers in the fields that will turn up on your dinner plate, or you might be served, as a vegetable, shoots from hop plants used in brewing the region's famous beer.

For tourists, there's nothing like a summer's evening with a Hommelbier or St. Bernardus Tripel on a terrace to let the day sink in. And while the memory of those fluttering poppies may fade, the sense of what happened here will likely grow stronger. As McCrae wrote:

"If ye break faith with us who die — We shall not sleep, though poppies grow — In Flanders fields."

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Briefs

Self-taught talent showcased on tour

New York's American Folk Art Museum is celebrating the creativity of artists with no formal training.

A wide-ranging exhibition called Self-Taught Genius runs through Aug. 17 in New York. Then it will travel to six other cities through early 2017.

It features 100 works dating from the mid-18th century to the present.

The paintings, quilts, ceramics, textiles, duck decoys and weather vanes were produced by often-overlooked artists from all walks of life.

The exhibit will travel to the Figg Art Museum in Davenport, Iowa; Mingei International Museum in San Diego, Calif.; and the Amon Carter Museum of American Art in Fort Worth, Texas. It also will go to the New Orleans Museum of Art; the Saint Louis Art Museum; and the Tampa Museum of Art.

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Dog doo a big don't on flight

A cross-country flight had to make an unscheduled landing when a service dog pooped twice in the aisle, sickening passengers with the odour.

US Airways spokesman Andrew Christie said the May 28 US Airways flight from Los Angeles to Philadelphia had to make an unscheduled stop in Kansas City.

Christie called the episode a "rare and unfortunate situation."

The flight continued after the mess was cleaned up on the ground. The passenger and service dog were re-booked on another flight. Jim Kutsch, president at The Seeing Eye guide dog school in Morristown, New Jersey, tells The Philadelphia Inquirer that such incidents are rare, but that dogs occasionally get sick on planes, too.

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How-to

Get more bang for your buck

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1. Sign up for frequent-flyer memberships with all your favourite airlines if you haven't already.

2. Ditto hotel chains. This often results in free breakfast — even an upgrade.

3. Take advantage of the bundling option when using sites like Expedia.ca, especially if you're booking last-minute.

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Just turn on the charm. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

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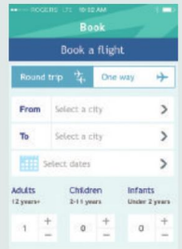

WestJet just launched an iPhone app to make managing your flights with the airline a little easier — putting it all in your pocket. Book new flights, manage existing reservations, check in, of course, and get up-to-the-minute flight status. Users also get Passbook integration, exclusive to iPhone users. You can also keep a list of the places you've travelled to and get a real-time countdown for your next adventure. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

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Bucket List

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Remember the Alamo

From the very day General Antonio López de Santa Anna and his army arrived outside San Antonio, Texas (Feb. 23, 1836), people have been talking about the ensuing battle, the people involved and the myths that sprang from this legendary part of American history. The state's top tourist attraction, the Alamo sees more than 2.5 million visitors every year at the 4.2-acre site. For 13 days, the Texan and Tejano defenders stood their ground, getting help from outside volunteers in this tug-of-war over Texas. Among the able bodies were knife fighter Jim Bowie of Bowie knife fame, and former Tennessee congressman David Crockett. The museum does a nice job of making your visit interesting. **DOUG WALLACE/METRO**

What kind of a traveller are you?

ON THE MOVE
Loren Christie
life@metronews.ca

What kind of traveller are you? Take this quiz, and add up your score (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1) to find out.

1. Your dream destination is:
a) Paris
b) Machu Picchu
c) Las Vegas
d) The family cottage

2. Which of the following appeals to you most:
a) A week on the Queen Mary
b) Cooking school in Italy
c) The same place you went last year
d) A week at your cousin Ed's house

3. Of the following, you would not leave home without bringing:
a) Your tuxedo
c) Your Spanish/English dictionary
d) Your Bubba cup cooler mug
e) Your own soap

4. Your idea of wild adventure is:
a) A hot-air balloon ride
b) Bungee jumping
c) Playing a round on your favourite golf course
d) Camping

5. You prefer to book your travel:
a) With your favourite travel agent
b) After months of research
c) Online
d) You prefer to play it by ear

6. When you travel you have to bring home:
a) Jewelry
b) A painting by a local artist
c) A T-shirt with the destination written on the front
d) A bumper sticker

7. When you think of your favourite vacation, what made it so?
a) It was totally relaxing
b) The interesting people you met
c) You ate all of your favourite foods
d) You had fun and it cost you next to nothing

If you scored between:

22-28 points
The Bespoke Traveller: When you go on holiday, you don't want to worry about a thing. You want every detail taken care of. Think the St. Regis Hotel in New York, sipping champagne in France and heli-skiing in the Rockies.

15-21 points
An Experience-hungry Traveller: Travel for you is all about learning new things and seeing new destinations. Think renting a villa in Italy, eating fish you caught yourself in Grenada and spending a day wandering a local market in Bali.

8-14 points
The Repeat Offender: An annual week-long vacation is enough to satisfy your wanderlust. You scratched Europe off your bucket list when you went backpacking after college. Every year you go to an all-inclusive because it's easy and fun.

Less than 8 points
The Travel Mooch: A holiday for you is a reason not to be at work. When you do travel, you stay with friends. You prefer travelling by car, bringing the family pet along and like to barbecue in your host's backyard.

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Cruise your way through culture shock caused by any new cubicle

It's a new job, it's a new day, and you're feeling good. Don't be daunted by the difference in atmosphere from one office to the next

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TalentEgg.ca

Are the people around you sharing stories about their weekend or are they talking about work? The level of personal interaction at a workplace can reflect whether a culture values building community or growing the bottom line. ISTOCK

If you're ready to make a career move, transitioning from one office to another can be a challenge. You've done your homework on Company X and have the skill set to succeed in your new role, but the everyday details of your new environment are a mystery.

Organizational culture is the overall system of beliefs, behaviours, customs and dynamics that make up the identity of a workplace.

There are as many different types of culture as there are companies, so how do you prepare yourself for success if your past and present work cultures are like night and day?

Here are seven useful tips to ensure a smooth transition and help you overcome any office culture shock.

Before you get there

1. Establish a cultural checklist. Make a list of the qualities you liked and disliked about your last workplace to figure out which cultural qualities you need at the office in order to thrive (like an open-door policy with management) and those you can live without (lunchtime yoga classes). Developing your sense of self-awareness can help to inform your future career strategy.

2. Identify what Company X's online presence is like. Are they active on social media? Do they have a blog? Does their website feature staff photos or personal bios? If an online culture is fun and interactive it may reflect a youthful culture offline. If their online presence is more formal, offline culture could be by the book.

3. Ask strategic questions during an interview to get an idea of how your cultural checklist might fit with theirs. Targeted questions that touch on issues like work/life balance can offer you a glimpse of their cultural expectations and help you determine whether you can get behind them. Potential questions include: "What does the busiest time of year look like?" and "Which teams will I be interacting with?"

Party with your pod

Establishing personal connections can sometimes be a challenge at larger organizations, so getting involved outside of the office can help you build social capital.

Once you arrive

4. Embark on a "culture walk" around the office and look for artifacts that implicitly tell a company story. Family photos on desks, accomplishments on office walls, memos on bulletin boards and the arrangement of furniture can all provide insights. Market-driven cultures typically have financial goals and targets displayed in plain view on whiteboards. Highly collaborative cultures might have open-concept work areas where desks are arranged into clusters.

5. Listen to the conversations happening around the office. You can discern culture by the way work is communicated. Are projects assigned primarily through email or is your manager more likely to stop by your desk to chat about it in person?

6. Find a mentor who can help you navigate office norms and habits. Invite them out for coffee as a way to get to know them better and learn more about their time with Company X.

7. Ask around about social initiatives and activities at the organization, such as volunteer programs or organized sports leagues. Establishing personal connections can sometimes be a challenge at larger organizations, so getting involved outside of the office can help you build social capital. The initiatives a company is involved with can also be a great indication of their cultural values.

Remember, adjusting to a new role always takes some time. Be patient with the process and be proud of yourself for moving on to the next step in your career path!

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@Recruit_Campus
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Take a second look at my LinkedIn

Perk up your professional profile. Check out these five tips before posting on the key site for showing off your skills

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You may have set up a LinkedIn account, filled out a few basic fields and given up on completing it.

That's a bad idea. When it comes to your online presence, having an incomplete LinkedIn profile suggests that you don't care about sharing your professional details (or even worse — that you don't have anything worth sharing).

A major hurdle for many new LinkedIn users is completing the Summary field, because it asks you to get creative instead of just plugging in familiar details.

Here are five tips to help you get started.

Nail the LinkedIn basics

You should never leave the Summary section blank. Use your LinkedIn summary to:

- Introduce yourself and summarize your work history and notable accomplishments.
- Highlight your core specialties and your areas of interest.
- Specify the industry, field or type of role you are looking for to help recruiters find the right match for you.
- Write in first-person, as it helps you look more personable and confident.

Use up the whole word limit

Try your best to use the character limit that LinkedIn allows.

Making good use of all 2,000 characters will ensure that you are getting the full benefits of essential keyword optimization.

Fill your summary with keywords that the next recruiter or hiring manager will be searching for to make sure they notice you. For example: Sales, business development, account management and strategic partnerships are all good keywords for someone pursuing a career in sales.

It takes more than a name and a photo to harness the power of this professional platform. ISTOCK

Break it up

Any number of your LinkedIn visitors may have no idea who you are. That's why it's important to have a profile layout that encourages people to read and engage with you. Make your summary more visually appealing and easier to read by:

- Maximizing the value of every word. Cut what you don't need.
- Using headers and sub-headers.
- Carefully organizing your line-breaks and blocks of text so they are reader-friendly.

Get creative, and don't be afraid to look at other LinkedIn members' profiles to see how you could do things differently.

Grab a reader's attention

Don't write up something that is generic and boring. Focus on telling a good story that highlights your skills and experience, while also communicating your personal character — it's a lot like writing a cover letter.

- For example: "Upon graduating with a degree in veterinary medicine, I was ready to start putting my passion for animals to work. I was hired on as a veterinary nurse with a local practice and have flourished in my role ever since."

Identify what you're looking for

In addition to explaining who you are and what you do, you should make sure that your LinkedIn summary helps a reader figure out whether or not they should connect with you.

This is particularly important if you're new to LinkedIn, or are trying to provide clear criteria for accepting some connections and declining others.

This can be as simple as adding a line like: "As a recent marketing graduate and aspiring content marketer, I'm happy to connect with professionals in the industry or other students and recent grads who want to explore projects in the marketing and communications field."

As you develop a clearer career objective or more experience, you can update this statement to clearly signal the opportunities that lie within your field of interest.

According to Jobvite's 2013 Social Recruiting Survey results, 94 per cent or respondents use LinkedIn to recruit for talent and 92 per cent have successfully hired through LinkedIn. So make sure you do everything you can to get noticed on LinkedIn.

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The greatest tips for the 2014 graduate

The times they are a changin'. Keep up with an evolving workforce with the help of this advice

DAN SCHAWBEL
Metro World News

Sure, your school has set you up with some serious smarts, but you'll have to use your job market savvy to stay ahead of the game. FLICKR / MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD

With a few million students graduating this month, there's even more competition for jobs.

The good news is that post-secondary hiring has increased by 7.8 per cent relative to 2013, reports the U.S. National Association of Colleges and Employers. Still, it's very competitive and graduates have to put a lot of work in to stand out.

In a new study in partnership with Beyond.com, Millennial Branding found that 73 per cent of hiring managers felt that post-secondary schools are only "somewhat preparing" students for the working world. It's now on the students' shoulders to figure out the recruiting game. Here are three tips based on our findings:

Choose a company based on culture

Companies are now hiring for cultural fit over all other qualifications because someone's personality is a leading indicator for how productive and successful they will be on the job. Forty-three per cent of HR professionals surveyed said that cultural fit was the single most important factor when deciding whom to hire. You can suss out a company's culture from multimedia they post online about their workplace, from stories from people who currently work there and your interviews.

Major mistake?

> "If you have majored in liberal arts, you should immediately start reading business books, taking business classes, and get a mentor in order to fill in the gap."
> Dan Schawbel

Don't major in liberal arts

Perhaps the most disappointing finding in the study was that only two per cent of companies are actively recruiting liberal arts majors, versus the 27 per cent hiring engineering majors and 18 per cent, business grads. Almost half of all professionals surveyed said that they believe there are "no jobs" for liberal arts degrees. If you have majored in liberal arts, you should immediately start reading business books, taking business classes, and get a mentor in order to fill in the gap.

Develop your soft skills

To no one's surprise, soft skills were the most important to HR professionals when recruiting new graduates. The top three attributes that companies are currently looking for are: a positive attitude (84 per cent), communication skills (83 per cent) and an ability to work as a team (74 per cent).

The best way to have a better attitude is to choose the right profession and company to work for instead of applying to random jobs. You'll naturally have a positive attitude if you're in the right job and culture. If you want to be a better communicator, make it a point to put your smartphone down and go meet people.

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Colourful veggies and tortillas stack up

Mixed Vegetable and Bean Tortilla Stack.
Chock full of vegetables, this vegetarian meal is colourful and perfect for a weeknight

DINNER EXPRESS
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Make dinner fun and easy with lots of colour with vegetables. Dinner will look good and taste great with easy pantry staples that you can put together in no time at all. While the stack is baking, be sure to put together an easy green salad or coleslaw to enjoy alongside.

Using fresh herbs and vegetables helps bring summer into the kitchen.

Keep a stash of canned beans in your kitchen for quick meals or snacks. This is a great after-school snack for kids to enjoy to keep them satisfied until dinner is ready. Get them involved and cooking by chopping vegetables and putting the stack together; you save time, and they will learn important life skills.

Cooking tip

- Use a serrated knife to make it easier to cut into this stack.

FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

This recipe makes four servings. Make two stacks for a bigger crowd and added leftovers. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 small red bell pepper, diced
- 1 small zucchini, diced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) diced red onion
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) chili powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) corn kernels (cut from 1 cob of corn or frozen)
- 1 can (19 oz/540 ml) white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 3 small whole wheat flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) shredded cheddar cheese

Topping:

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) plain 0% yogurt
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- 1 tomato, diced

1. In nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook pepper, zucchini, onion, garlic, chili powder and cumin, stirring for about 8 minutes or until very soft. Remove from heat and stir in corn; set aside.

2. Meanwhile, in shallow dish, mash beans with potato masher until fairly smooth. Stir in vegetable mixture until combined.

3. Lay 1 flour tortilla onto a small baking sheet and spread with half of the bean mixture. Sprinkle with half of the cheese. Repeat once and top with final tortilla.

4. Topping: Spread yogurt over top of tortilla and sprinkle with cheese. Bake in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 15 minutes or until edges are crispy and filling is hot. Remove from oven and sprinkle with cilantro and tomato.

5. Cut in quarters to serve.

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Mighty Bouch enters uncharted territory

French Open. Bouchard sets up match against 2012 champ Sharapova; Raonic falls to Djokovic in quarter-finals

Eugenie Bouchard celebrates winning her French Open quarter-final match against Carla Suarez Navarro in Paris on Tuesday. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eugenie Bouchard is preparing for her second straight Grand Slam semifinal. Fellow Canadian Milos Raonic is still looking to reach his first.

Bouchard defeated Spain's Carla Suarez Navarro 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-5 at the French Open on Tuesday. The match was completed a couple hours before Raonic came up short in his bid to reach the men's final four, dropping a 7-5, 7-6 (5), 6-4 decision to Novak Djokovic of Serbia.

Next up for Bouchard, a 20-year-old from Westmount, Que., is a meeting with Maria Sharapova. The 2012 champion from Russia advanced with a 1-6, 7-5, 6-1 over Garbine Muguruza of Spain.

"I'm very content with a win like this," said Bouchard. "It was a battle throughout. She played very well especially on long points.

"The last set was key for me. I'm really excited to be playing Sharapova in a big match here."

Bouchard was the third Canadian woman to reach the Roland Garros quarter-finals after Carling Bassett-Seguso (1984, 1986) and Helen Kelesi (1988, 1989). Bouchard and Bassett-Seguso are the only players to reach the semifinals at a Grand Slam, the latter doing so at the 1984 US Open.

Earlier this year, Bouchard reached the Australian Open semifinals but lost to eventual champion Li Na of China. Sylvain Bruneau, the captain of the Canadian Fed Cup team, said Bouchard learned from that experience and is comfortable in the spotlight.

"I expect her to be able to really raise her (game), to really play her best tennis against Sharapova," he said. "Really be in the moment and not be caught up with anything else (except) the ball and the next point."

Her finer points

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Eugenie Bouchard finished her match Tuesday with 46 winners, 38 unforced errors and breaks on six of 14 chances.

As for Raonic, the No. 8 seed from Thornhill, Ont., went toe-to-toe with Djokovic over the first two sets before fading in the third. The Canadian fired 21 aces but converted only one of two break opportunities.

The second-seeded Djokovic was broken while serving for the victory at 5-2, but the veteran closed it out two games later when a Raonic forehand sailed wide. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Corruption allegations

Platini fights back at paper's claims

FIFA vice-president Michel Platini has criticized a British newspaper for linking him to corruption claims about Qatar's 2022 World Cup bid.

The Daily Telegraph led Tuesday's edition reporting that Platini secretly met with his FIFA board colleague Mohamed bin Hammam of Qatar "shortly before" the World Cup vote in December 2010.

The claim follows the rival Sunday Times alleging that Bin Hammam, who FIFA expelled in 2012, paid soccer officials millions of dollars to support Qatar's successful campaign.

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Friendly

Brazil cruises past Panama in World Cup warm up

Neymar scored one goal and set up two others to help Brazil defeat Panama 4-0 in a World Cup warm-up match on Tuesday in Goiania, Brazil.

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Dani Alves hugs Neymar after a goal in Tuesday night's friendly against Panama. GETTY IMAGES

Kings, Rangers have taken long roads to final

Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist skates during a practice session on Tuesday at Staples Center in Los Angeles. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Scan the image with your Metro News app for a gallery of the events around the Stanley Cup final from Tuesday.

It's taken the Kings 21 playoff games and the Rangers 20 to get to this Stanley Cup final. They have survived five Game 7s along the way.

But in truth, the journey started a lot longer ago.

The ride cost Los Angeles forward Jeff Carter his two front teeth. Ask him how it happened and he digs deep into the memory bank.

"Couple of separate incidents," he said, flashing a smile with a gap that would accommodate a quarter. The back story gets a little fuzzy after that, although a puck to the mouth was involved.

Kings goalie Jonathan Quick changed allegiance on his road. He grew up a Rangers fan in Milford, Conn., and remembers watching Mike Richter and Mark Messier lead the Blueshirts to the 1994 Stanley Cup.

Going the distance

26

The Kings are nearing the record for most playoff games in a season. The current mark is 26, set by the 1987 Philadelphia Flyers and 2004 Calgary Flames. The most games by a Cup winner is 25, by the 2006 Carolina Hurricanes and 2011 Boston Bruins.

He recalls having a couple of friends over for Game 7. He was eight years old.

On Wednesday, Carter, Quick and the Kings go after their second Stanley Cup in three seasons with the underdog New York Rangers standing in their way. New York is back in the final for the first time in 20 years.

On media day Tuesday, Los Angeles GM Dean Lombardi took a playful swipe at New York, noting he had worked in Philadelphia for three years.

"Part of the qualifications for that job was I had to learn to hate the Rangers in a hurry," he said.

The hate is on for real Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jays' 9th-inning rally topples AL Central leaders

MLB. Three-run blast by Lawrie the difference after starting pitchers give way to bullpen in Detroit

In a game that was scoreless until the ninth inning, Brett Lawrie's three-run homer highlighted a big burst for the Toronto Blue Jays in a 5-3 win over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

After eight innings of crisp, scoreless baseball between the AL East and AL Central leaders, both bullpens came unglued in the ninth. The Blue Jays broke through against Joe Nathan (2-2).

Blue Jays Brett Lawrie and Jose Reyes celebrate their 5-3 win over the Tigers on Tuesday in Detroit.
CARLOS OSORIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

J.D. Martinez hit a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth for the Tigers. Casey Janssen came on and struck out Don Kelly for his ninth save in 10 chances.

Detroit's Anibal Sanchez and Toronto's Drew Hutchison each pitched seven impressive innings. Dustin McGowan (3-2) worked the eighth for the win. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AL player of the month

Toronto Blue Jays slugger Edwin Encarnacion was named American League player of the month Tuesday.

- Encarnacion belted a club record 16 home runs last month and batted .281 with 33 RBIs and 26 runs scored.

NBA Finals

Parker expects to play series opener

Tony Parker plans to play in Game 1 of the NBA Finals.

The San Antonio Spurs open their rematch with the Miami Heat on Thursday, and their star point guard is nursing a balky left ankle.

"He's getting better every day, and I expect him to play," coach Gregg Popovich said Tuesday.

Parker aggravated the injury Saturday, missing the second half of San Antonio's series-clinching victory over Oklahoma City in the Western Conference final.

Parker didn't practise Tuesday, but said he expects to be back Wednesday.

Parker is averaging a team-leading 17.2 points and 4.9 assists this post-season but has been bothered by injuries the past two rounds.

"I always try to be honest with Pop," Parker said. "He knows, but if I'm 50 per cent I'll try to play. If I'm under 50 per cent, we can argue."

Parker conceded the ankle has bothered him since San Antonio's second-round series against Portland, although he did not divulge it at the time.

"I don't like to talk about when I'm hurt," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2015 Nissan Micra

- **Type.** Five-door, front-wheel drive subcompact hatchback
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- **Transmissions.** Five-speed manual, four-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $11,399

Market position

Very clear market position: least expensive new vehicle you can buy in Canada. Aimed at first-time buyers on a budget, urban dwellers who desire a car with a tidy footprint, and serious downsizers of every other demographic. Competition is other small hatchbacks — and used cars.

Points

- Very successful global car. Currently sold in 160 countries — but not currently in the U.S.
- Nissan Canada took three years to develop this exclusive-to-Canada version, based on European-market Micra.
- Shares platform with larger Nissan Versa Note Hatchback.
- No 6-speeds, CVTs, heated seats or navigation availability keeps prices down.

This subcompact hatchback is based on a European model.

Safety

Six standard air bags; standard front/rear disc/drum brakes with ABS and Electronic Brake force Distribution (EBD) and Brake Assist; standard traction control and stability control; standard anchors and tethers for child seats; available rear backup camera and monitor.

Nissan Micra: Small is a virtue

Review. Short and purposeful, the Micra is a Napoleon Dynamite

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PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED

Small cars have a hard time in North America, the land of the Denny's Grand Slam Breakfast and the 7-Eleven Big Gulp: If we can finish it, you didn't make it big enough.

But a new breed of small cars has been winning fans recently, due to their new-found features and hip styling, which were heretofore only available in larger, more expensive cars. But some of this nice stuff has pushed prices to where many small cars no longer wear small price tags.

Enter the 2015 Nissan Micra. At $9,998, it has the lowest base price of any new vehicle available in Canada. (Destination and PDI charges are $1,400.)

Micra's pricing advantage gets diminished once you move off that S base model with the 5-speed manual transmission. Add automatic transmission, air conditioning and cruise, and you're looking at another $3,000 or so.

But pricing always stays low and lovely on all three trim levels (S, SV and SR).

The main point is that Nissan gives you a sub-$10,000 option and others don't.

Micra also turns out be to be a great little vehicle. I recently took a very-white, top-level SR model out for a twirl, and was surprised by how much fun it was to drive.

The five-speed manual was smooth and quick to shift, and the 106-hp 1.6-litre engine was torque-y and very agreeable to being revved.

Overall, it *feels* zippy, which is actually preferable to a car that might *be* more zippy, but doesn't transmit that feeling to the driver.

The five-speed manual is smooth and quick to shift, and feels zippy over all.

It also handles well, due to the European-spec suspension, with an additional sway bar. The Canadian Micra is the only Micra in the world with both front and rear sway bars.

The rear accommodations are predictably tight for a car that stretches just 3.8 metres. But the upside is great agility, and more parking opportunities around town.

Its turning radius is also ridiculously short. You can easily turn around in the middle of most side streets. Sometimes it's good to be small.

You have to hand it to Nissan for finding this low-cost gap in the market, and for wanting to exploit it to get more new customers into the Nissan fold — customers that traditionally might have gone to the used market. Nissan even has a special financing program, just for first-time buyers that choose Micra — no previous credit history required.

What test car is Garry bringing us this week? We really have no clue what he'll show up in until it lands in our driveway. But who are we to doubt Garry Sowerby, who has a bazillion Guinness records for around-the-world driving? That's a bazillion more than we have, after all. Come along and find out as we drive 'em, dirty 'em and shoot 'em with our phone cams. These are real-life, no-glam reviews.

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Camaro ZL1: Evil in the best way

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"I think we should just sell all our other cars and each get one of these."

Garry likes "Big Red," which is the name I've given to the spit-shined Camaro ZL1.

"It's loud. Your neighbours will hate you." (That's OK, they already do.)

The ZL1 makes a ridiculous popping sound out the quad tailpipes when you let off the gas, kind of like one of those fancy racing boats idling around with the exhaust drowned out by the water.

"B l u b a l a - b l u b a l a - blubalaaaaa."

Let's get one thing straight about this Chevy. Subtle, it ain't. Evil and sinister looking, yes. Fun? There are few words to quantify that, but I'll begin by saying, when it comes to handling, the ZL1 is a sensational car. Utterly sensational. It just does not lean at all while cornering.

Turn the wheel and the car turns without lunging over one of the front wheels. Amazing. Magnetic ride control and front tires that are a foot wide can take most of the credit.

The transmission? Also amazing. The mouse fur (a suede of some sort) on the dash? Not so much. And who really cares if the nose is cartoonish and the seats have puckered corners. This thing is practically too good to be true.

It has 580 horsepower, which sounds impressive, although not as impressive as the 662 in the competing Ford Mustang GT 500, but it's enough. Like, really, it's just enough.

Out on the highway, the supercharged 6.2-litre V8 doesn't pull all that hard. I felt the same way with the Cadillac CTS-V coupe, which has a similar engine.

Although both engines are variations of the V8 found in the 638-horsepower Corvette ZR-1, my seat-of-the-pants-o-meter thinks a 505-horsepower 2013 Corvette Z06 would kick the ZL1's butt in a side-by-side dual at 80 miles per hour. That likely has to do with weight; the ZL1 is 1,000 pounds heavier. The Camaro is a bit of a couch potato, it seems.

But, it has a back seat. And a trunk, although it's pretty small and the opening isn't much bigger than the top of a cookie jar.

Where's the rest of it?

Not mafia-friendly. At all.

It also has the optional carbon-fibre hood insert. Lift up the hood and a duct hangs off the bottom. It appears to help get air through the radiator to keep that little engine cool. That's right, I said little.

When you lift the hood to see 580 horsepower, you expect to see something huge, but it's a bit unimpressive. It's not puny — it's just not physically large. It has to fit in the car, after all.

Good spot for gauges you never use.

The ZL1 has its flaws, of course. The roof/trunk stripe is a massive dull-looking decal and the spot where the key goes into the column is made of soft plastic and was all chewed up from repeated stabbings from previous drivers. And the chin spoiler looks like the edge of a boardroom table.

I could care less. For 55-ish grand you're not going to have much more fun in a car, or make as big a statement.

Needs curb feelers.

In the grand scheme of street driving, it doesn't matter that the Ford GT 500 is faster and has more power than the ZL1. Both cars will never be used to their full potential on the street, which means that image is the primary reason for buying in. In that respect, I don't know if anything can beat the ZL1.

Yes, Garry, let's sell our cars and each get one of these.

OK, can we chat?

Wow: Sound; steering; suspension; gear shifter; attitude; stance; love it or hate it, everyone looks; value; don't want to get out of it.

- Hmmm: Forget winter; teeters on the edge of cartoon-y; what trunk?; most non-car people will hate you, and the rest will be jealous; big and heavy, yet not very roomy inside; visibility; black wheels on test car never clean, even after cleaning.

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Shift: Electric vehicles get a charge out of new markets and great ratings, lightening up on fuel and on roads

Tesla eyes Chinese production

California's Tesla Motors says it will build cars in China within three to four years specifically for that growing market, but not in lieu of building them in the United States. That's in addition to current U.S. production, says CEO Elon Musk.

Tesla plans to spend "hundreds of millions of dollars" building a plant and installing a "big" network of battery charging stations in China, reports Bloomberg News Service. While a location wasn't announced, Musk said local production in that country would allow Tesla to sell cars at cheaper prices there by avoiding China's 25 per cent import tariff on vehicles built outside its borders.

Tesla plans to produce the Model S in China, but for that market only. U.S. production for North America would remain, says the company's CEO. ALL PHOTOS AND TEXT WHEELBASE MEDIA

BMW electric a 'goer' in two guises

Not only is the electric i3 city car different from every other vehicle BMW has ever made, it is also the most efficient, with its U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rating of 117 miles per U.S. gallon-equivalent for the car on battery power alone, 39 mpg once running on its twin-cylinder gasoline generator, and an electric range of 115 kilometres.

By comparison, observes auto enthusiast news website, Motor Authority, those electric numbers are slightly lower than the lighter, all-electric i3, which gets 124 MPGe and has an 130-kilometre range. The range-extended numbers are even higher than the leading range-extended car on the market, the Chevrolet Volt, which returns 98 MPGe and 37 mpg combined on its four-cylinder engine.

The i3 city car is rated at 117 miles per U.S. gallon in electric-only mode.

Shift points

- Chrysler will be the only brand under the newly restructured Fiat Chrysler Automobiles to offer a minivan, and will also be the first to offer plug-in hybrid vehicles. Under a new five-year plan, Chrysler will serve the mainstream audience.
- Despite announcing that production of its Insight hybrid will end this year, Honda says no production changes are planned for its Civic CR-Z and Civic Hybrid models, and that it is committed to the expansion of its hybrid offerings in North America.
- Mercedes-Benz is considering the use of three-cylinder engines for hybrid applications in future compact vehicles, reports Car and Driver magazine.

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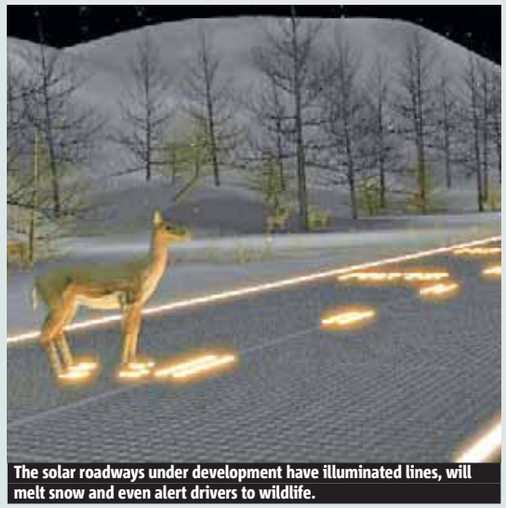
Solar-powered roads gain momentum

A company that wants to develop roadways with embedded digital signage and dividing lines powered by the sun — and which glow in the dark — has launched a crowd-funding project to help it realize that goal. Startup Solar Roadways last year received a $100,000 US contract from the United States Department of Transportation toward developing its technology.

Testing went so well, says auto news website The Car Connection, the firm "is now looking to go big-time ... to create a system of 'smart' roads." Solar Roadways' interlocking tiles consist of solar panels and circuit boards, covered with a thick sheet of tempered glass; LED lights within can mark traffic lanes and send messages. Heating elements help melt snow and ice in colder climes.



The solar roadways under development have illuminated lines, will melt snow and even alert drivers to wildlife.

VW develops diesel, 10-speed transmission

In the ever-intensifying search to squeeze more distance travelled from each drop of fuel, Volkswagen is developing a twin-turbocharged 2.0-litre diesel engine and a 10-speed automated manual transmission.

At the recent Vienna Motor Symposium in Austria, VW development chief Jakob Neusser said the 10-speed transmission was conceived as a successor to VW's existing six-speed currently used in more powerful models. It is planned for use in both transverse and longitudinal engine applications, which suggests that it will be used in a wide range of VW models.

Neusser also confirmed that a new 236-horsepower twin turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder diesel engine would be offered among a range of powerplants on the upcoming eighth-generation Passat, due later this year.

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High-strength steel.

Automakers can use several grades in a vehicle for optimum performance

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Automakers face two major challenges when they build vehicles. Cars must be strong enough to protect occupants in a crash, but they must also be as lightweight as possible to meet stringent fuel-economy standards.

One product that addresses both issues is high-strength steel, which itself is constantly being improved for better performance.

"There are different types and grades, with unique microstructural characteristics that engineers build into the product," says Ron Watkins, president of the Canadian Steel Producers Association. "It's a tremendous amount of work, but the auto industry is always looking for fuel efficiency."

Steel becomes stronger through three factors: alloys such as manganese, boron or silicon that are added to the molten steel mix; continuous slab production to ensure each section receives the same heating and cooling treatment; and "work hardening," when stamping or forming parts, which alters steel's structure.

By adjusting the ingredients used, or the way the steel is processed, steelmakers can produce various strengths, including the strongest advanced high-strength steel (AHSS). Auto manufacturers may use several grades in a vehicle, depending on each component's function and where it's located, for optimum performance.

In a crash, cars need to crumple progressively, gradually absorbing the crash energy so it isn't transmitted to the occupants. Different steel grades can be used to create this gradual crunch, with the highest-strength steel used in the passenger compartment, which has to remain intact and uncrushed.

AHSS is more expensive than conventional steel, but because it's so much stronger, automakers use less of it overall. In some cases, a component made of AHSS could be as strong as one made of regular steel, but contain 20 to 35 per cent less material, which helps to offset the high-strength steel's extra cost. The major benefit is that the car now weighs less, which improves fuel efficiency.

So why not make the whole car out of it? It comes down to selecting the most appropriate product for each component, how strong it needs to be, and the price. A hood doesn't have a heavy load requirement, for example, so an automaker is more likely to make a lightweight version out of lower-cost aluminum than higher-priced AHSS.

All about steel

- Automakers first started using high-strength steel in the 1970s, when a gas crisis made fuel efficiency a priority with buyers.
- Steel strength is measured in megapascals (MPa). Regular steel is around 300 MPa, while high-strength steel usually ranges from 590 to 780. Some advanced steels can go as high as 1,800 MPa.
- Steel's thickness used to be measured in gauge, with higher numbers indicating thinner panels, but it's now more common to measure it in millimetres.

The three R's

"Cars are shredded and reduced back down to basic steel again. It's infinitely recyclable."

Ron Watkins, president of the Canadian Steel Producers Association, on the ability to melt down high-strength steel with any other grade of scrap steel to form a new product

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Selection, style and capability were arguably the biggest draws to the outgoing generation of the Ford Escape. With four- and six-cylinder power, front- or all-wheel drive, generous ground clearance and a large span of options, this Canadian favourite offered a variation that was just right for virtually any shopper.

All models were five-seaters, and featured Ford Sync, steering-wheel audio controls, heated leather, a sunroof and automatic climate control. Key competitors included the Toyota RAV4, Honda CR-V and Nissan Rogue.

The test drive

Approach your used Escape looking for signs of transmission trouble, including hard shifting, flaring or slipping during gear changes. Ensure the unit shifts between drive and reverse as quickly as you'd expect.

Though most Escape models in the used market won't have any transmission issues, shoppers are advised to ensure the transmission on the used Escape operates as expected and have a mechanical inspection completed regardless. Also, an issue with the transmission cooler may cause a potentially damaging fluid leak.

Shoppers are also advised to check the paint for signs of peeling or rust, ensure the air conditioner works properly, and have the tires checked for signs of excessive wear or alignment issues.

Double check proper operation of the remote key fobs, all power windows and the rear tailgate hatch struts — making sure the latter hold the tailgate open. Also, be sure to inspect the engine for oil level, condition and signs of oil leakage.

What owners like

Performance from the V6 engine, off-road capability with four-wheel drive, a sporty and comfortable ride and a flexible interior were all rated highly by owners. A commanding driving position and comfortable seats are also praised.

What owners dislike

Common complaints include "gear hunting," noisy engines, poor performance from the factory stereo system and higher-than-expected levels of road noise.

Engines

Look for a 2.5-litre, four-cylinder and 3-litre V6 on most models, with power output rated at 171 and 240 horsepower, respectively. Note that less-powerful 4- and 6-cylinder engines from the previous-generation Escape were used for the first year of this new-generation model.

The verdict

Transmission problems and leaks dull the appeal of the much-loved last-generation Escape slightly. Shoppers set on this generation Escape are advised to seek out a dealer-maintained model with a good portion of remaining factory warranty, opting for extended powertrain warranty coverage if their budget allows.

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Material matters may be taking up a great deal of your time but don't focus on them to the exclusion of everything else. Balance your pursuit of success with something of a more spiritual nature.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Current influences make you intensely ambitious but don't forget you have limits like everyone else. Make sure you know what they are.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Keep what you know to yourself today, especially if the knowledge you have been given could be dangerous to people in positions of power. There is a time to rock the boat but that time is not yet.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You won't have to try too hard to make an impression today. Colleagues know what you are capable of but even people in positions of power are beginning to see there is something special about you.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You need to raise your sights and pursue interests that are worthy of your time and your energy. What they may be should be a little clearer after today.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You are determined to do something different, but you need to get started now. Come the weekend, Mercury turns retrograde, and all sorts of obstacles will be placed in your way.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It will pay you to be a little less independent over the next few days. Just because you don't like certain people does not mean you can't work with them.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You seem to be under quite a bit of pressure at the moment and that pressure will build over the next few days. Make life easier by taking nothing too seriously, least of all yourself.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may have certain duties to fulfill but that does not mean you have to do everything others expect of you. Make sure everyone knows that you answer to only yourself!

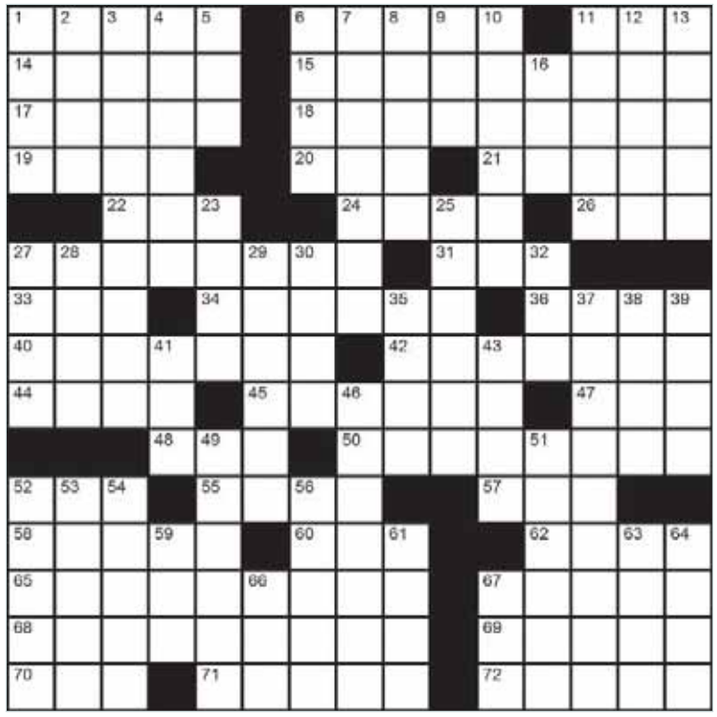
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will have to make sacrifices today but the effort will be worth it. Not only do you have enough energy and enthusiasm to get things done for yourself but you will gladly help others as well.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It may seem that the odds are stacked against you but that is an illusion brought about by too narrow a focus. Expand your horizons and embrace the world.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Do what you have to do as quickly as possible, then devote yourself to activities that bring a smile to your face. Life should be about fun, not work. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Shoes: __ marks
6. Unleash, as uproar
11. Li'l norm
14. Bert's pal
15. "Twelve men broke loose in '73 / From __ maximum security." — The Tragically Hip
17. Relinquished
18. Ottawa's "Desire 126" band
19. Pegs
20. Lanka's lead
21. Intl. air carrier, once: 2 wds.
22. American '66', e.g.
24. Sweetie
26. The Waste Land poet's monogram
27. Life insurance co. since 1896
31. Snap
33. Texter's POV
34. Birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen
36. Finished
40. Like an illuminated night
42. Newfoundland town or bay
44. Seal herds
45. Selection
47. Hebrides turndown
48. Toward the ship's stern
50. June 4- 5, 2014 'G7' Summit locale
52. Perhaps-es
55. Fancy suffix to 'Art'
57. Archaic 'your'
58. Bombers and Oilers
60. Birmingham's li'l state
62. Roof part
65. House at Hogwarts
67. Boo-booed
68. Town called 'Manitoba's Valley Paradise'
69. __ du Canada (honour, in French)
70. Outer: Prefix
71. Crispy breads
72. Donald's response, when asked who Kiefer is: 2 wds.

Down
1. Splinter group
2. Actress Ms. Summer
3. Country's Carrie (More at #49-Down)
4. Pinata party
5. Feasted
6. Cheerios' uniform letters on "Glee"
7. Cranberries singer, Dolores O'__
8. Canadian advice columnist Ms. Tesher
9. __-inclusive
10. Scarab-headed god of ancient Egypt
11. __-garde
12. Sacred Hindu texts
13. Folklore figure
16. Certain constellation
23. Organic compound
25. Short synopsis
27. Dweeb
28. Farm song bit: "Here _ __, there..."
29. Decrees
30. Mr. Rogen
32. Bamboozle
35. Awaken
37. BC: Okanagan Valley sights
38. And others, for short: 2 wds.
39. Reuben requirements
41. Edward Snowden related org.
43. Superlative suffix
46. Pyramid-top pillar
49. Mike __ (Canadian hockey star married to #3-Down)
51. Wine from Spain
52. Familiar reply to "Who's there?": 2 wds.
53. Oscar's tidy roommate
54. Decline: 2 wds.
56. Tropical tubers
59. Range's one-of-some, briefly
61. Santa __ (Hot winds)
63. True: Italian
64. Perfect place
66. Univ. web address ending, sometimes
67. 30th, sometimes, as per calendars [acronym]

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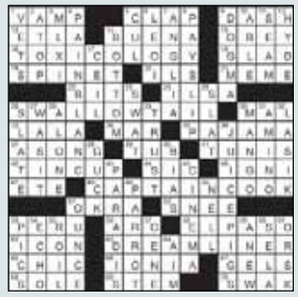

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

9			5		4			2
	7		1		3		9	
		6				7		
		1	8		9	6		
6								8
		4	3		6	1		
		2				9		
	5		6		2		3	
4			7		1			5

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	2	8	3	6	5	9	7	1
1	5	3	9	7	8	4	2	6
9	7	6	4	1	2	3	5	8
3	8	2	6	9	1	7	4	5
7	1	5	2	4	3	8	6	9
6	9	4	8	5	7	2	1	3
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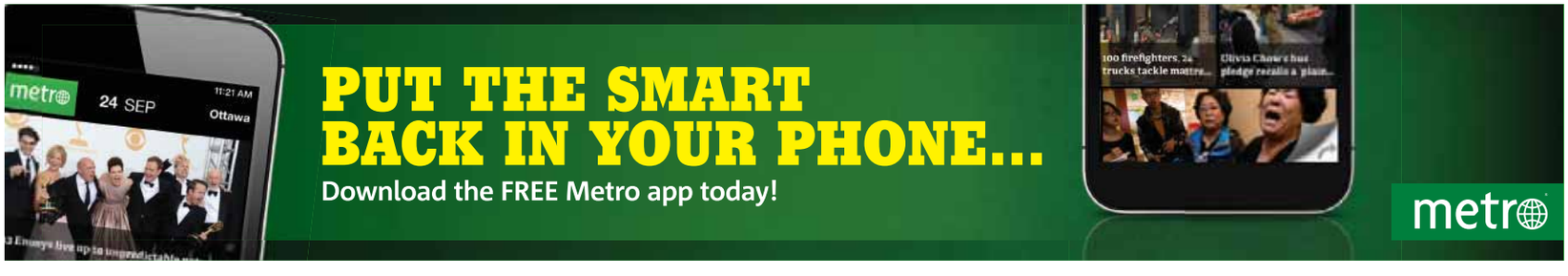

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